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Attorney Docket No. B422-144**COMBINED DECLARATION AND  
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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

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☒ was filed on November 29, 2000, as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number 09/726,463 and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

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Foreign Application No(s)	Country	Filing Date(s) (MM/DD/YYYY)	Priority Claimed (Yes/No)
11-342691	JAPAN	12/02/1999	Yes
2000-360830	JAPAN	11/28/2000	Yes

☐ Additional foreign application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority data sheet attached hereto.

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